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PATENT

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**REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111**

Mail Stop Amendment  
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Sir:

In response to the Official Office Action of October 3, 2005, applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the rejected claims in view of the following amendments and remarks. A one-month extension of time has separately been requested allowing applicants up to and including February 3, 2006 to reply.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this response.

Remarks begin on page 9 of this response.

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